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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joseph C. CAUTHEN

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For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS RECONSTRUCTION
 METHOD AND SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT

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) Group Art Unit: 3738

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) Examiner: Unknown
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE


Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 13, 14, 15, 16C, 17C and 21 in the above-captioned application be amended by replacing reference numerals "62," "64," and "66" with reference numerals --66--, --67-- and --65--, respectively. The proposed changes are indicated in red on the attached copy of the originally filed drawing.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicant respectfully requests that the submission of formal revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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